

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

CHILCOTT

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TAYLOR (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....May 16, 2006

Members Present.....Commissioner Greg Chilcott,
Commissioner Betty Lund and Commissioner Alan Thompson

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

The Board held a Planning Director interview with Interim Planning Director Karen Hughes.

The Board held a public hearing on a petition by Pete Vann to abandon or vacate a part of the Rouse and Robbins Road. Commissioner Chilcott called the hearing to order by reading the legal notice. Present at this meeting was Civil Counsel James McCubbin, Petitioner Pete Vann, and Road Supervisor David Ohnstad.

Commissioner Lund stated Delores Huggans called her with concern over this road vacation. However, it was determined that this road was on the other side of Delores' property and would have no impact on the Huggans' property.

Commissioner Lund read the Viewers' Report, which made the following observations:

- ✓ This road was petitioned as a County Road in 1936 (Road Record #727)
- ✓ The only portion of the road still visible is immediately adjacent to U.S. Highway 93. This portion is used by the Vann's to access the adjoining field and is blocked by a gate off of the Highway.
- ✓ According to Bill Meisner, County Road Department Foreman and long time Valley resident, the bridge over the river for this road washed out in the late 1960's. Dilapidated concrete abutments are visible on both sides of the river. Apparently the bridge was never replaced because the subject road was not used after the construction of the Conner Cut-off.
- ✓ The roadbed is still in place at the west bridge abutment and branches off Chesapeake Lane. This roadbed provides public access to the river along the old road right-of-way.
- ✓ There is no current or foreseeable benefit to the public for the continued existence of the portion of this roadway described in the petition.

There were no members of the public present for comment. The Board agreed there is no need for this road.

Commissioner Lund made a motion to grant the petitioner's request abandoning the Rouse and Robbins Road from U.S. Highway 93 west to the east bank of the Bitter Root River. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (See Resolution No. 1864)

The hearing was then adjourned.

In other business Commissioner Chilcott attended the RC & D Interface meeting and Bitterroot Water Forum meeting.